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The Maine Life Coalition Anticipates Hundreds of Mainers to Come to Augusta to Oppose Extreme Abortion Bills

For the second time this legislative session, hundreds of Mainers will come to the State House for public hearings in Judiciary and Health Coverage Insurance Financial Services on Monday, May 1st.

The most egregious of the bills is LD 1619. Governor Janet Mills used the tragic ordeal of a Maine family to introduce LD 1619, the so-called “An Act to Improve Maine’s Reproductive Privacy Laws” misnamed because its sole design is to promote unlimited abortion.

“Pandering to the abortion lobby by tying a tragic medical diagnosis and the abortion of baby Cameron to push unlimited abortion is a new low,” said Karen Vachon of Maine Right to Life. **“Instead of abortion, mothers and fathers in circumstances involving a fatal diagnosis for their unborn child should be given options such as a perinatal hospice and grief counseling.”**

Continued Karen, **“No child with a disability or fatal condition deserves to die a horrible and painful death because they have a disability or will die at a future time.”**

Currently, there are no laws in Maine preventing abortions after viability. The only limitation is that abortions done after 20 weeks are most often done by abortionists who specialize in taking the life of an unborn child after viability. These abortionists are found only in a handful of states, and it is common for those seeking a late-term abortion to travel out of state.

LD 1619 creates a subjective standard empowering the abortionist to justify any abortion after viability. Governor Mills’ bill removes current language that allows abortion for a woman’s life or health and replaces it with language that would allow abortions in the second and third trimesters because of an abortionist’s opinion.

The language would also remove language that penalized a non-licensed person from performing or aiding in an abortion. This would allow any individual without proper training to either perform a dangerous procedure or obtain dangerous narcotics. This would encourage the Kermit Gosnells of the world to specifically come to Maine since there are no penalties and only protection for abortionists.

“This bill ignores what is in the best interest of the life and health of the mother and her unborn child and only seeks to expand the abortion industry’s stake hold in Maine by allowing abortions for any reason up until birth with no punishment for those who harm women and their babies,” said Suzanne Lafreniere of the Catholic Diocese of Maine.

The Maine Life Coalition will hold a press conference at 11 AM on Monday, May 1st in the Hall of Flags at the Maine Statehouse. Speakers will include Barbara Ford, Executive Director of the Shepherd Godparent Home; Rep Laurel Libby, Founder of Speak Up For LIFE; Dr. Thom Page, OB-GYN; and Hon. Heather Sirocki, Spokesperson for Maine Right to Life.

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